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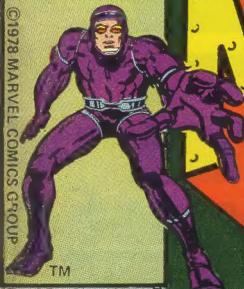
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THE LIVING ROBOT

THE
FIGHT OF
THE
CENTURY!
MACHINE MAN
VS.
TEN-FOR!



BATTLE ON
A BUSY
STREET!



This is the story of X-51—a thinking computer in the form of a man. As Aaron Stack, he tries to find a place in a world that's not quite ready for his kind—but will he find it as friend, foe, or the greatest hero of them all?

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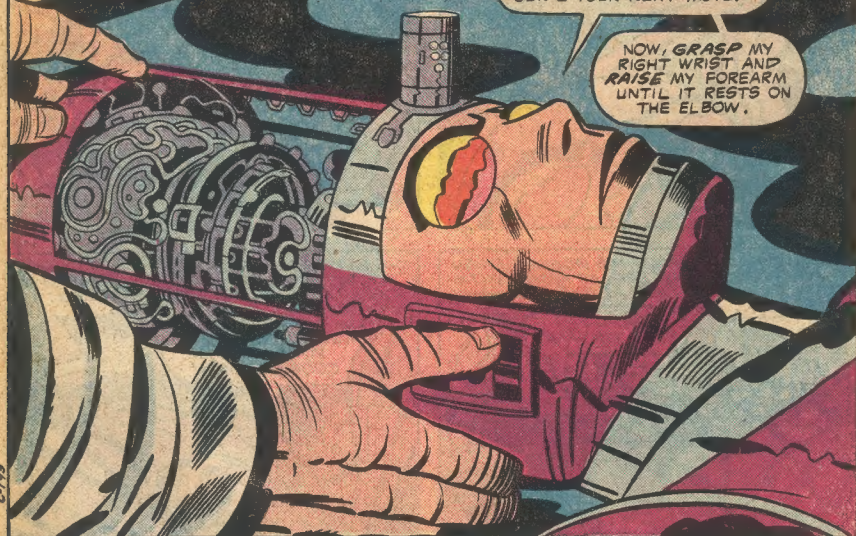
WOULD YOU FIGHT FOR THOSE WHO FEAR AND HATE YOU? IT'S A VERY TOUGH DECISION TO MAKE—ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE MORE IN COMMON WITH THE ENEMY THAN THOSE YOU MUST DEFEND. HERE IS A HEAVY QUESTION, TO BE RESOLVED IN COSMIC FURY!

BATTLE ON A VERY BUSY STREET

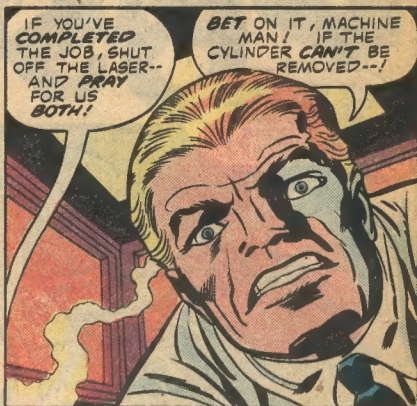
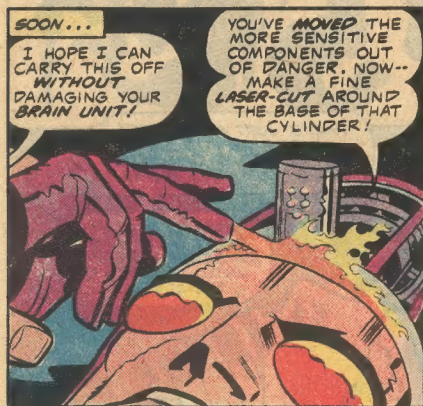
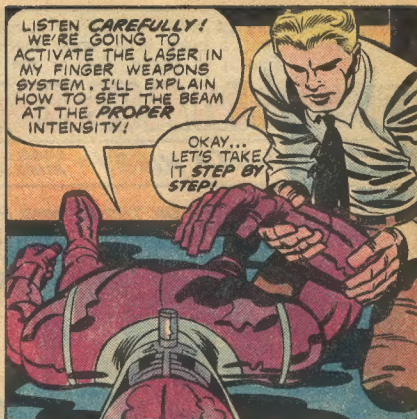
I'VE DRAWN BACK YOUR BRAIN UNIT, MACHINE MAN! HAVE I DONE IT CORRECTLY?

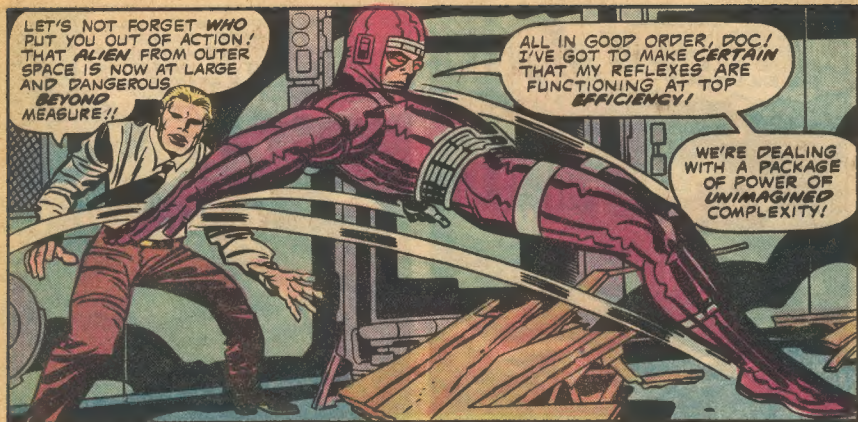
THAT'S JUST FINE, DOC! AS LONG AS IT'S NOT DISENGAGED, I CAN STILL GUIDE YOUR NEXT MOVE!

NOW, GRASP MY RIGHT WRIST AND RAISE MY FOREARM UNTIL IT RESTS ON THE ELBOW.



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LET'S NOT FORGET **WHO** PUT YOU OUT OF ACTION! THAT **ALIEN** FROM OUTER SPACE IS NOW AT LARGE AND DANGEROUS BEYOND MEASURE!!

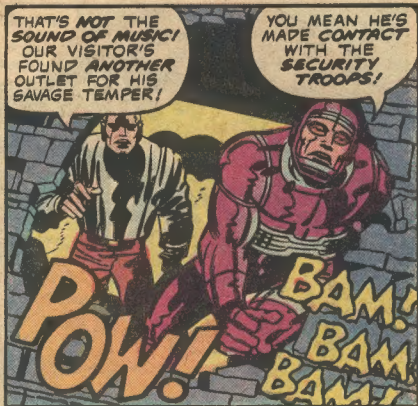
ALL IN GOOD ORDER, DOC! I'VE GOT TO MAKE **CERTAIN** THAT MY REFLEXES ARE FUNCTIONING AT TOP **EFFICIENCY!**

WE'RE DEALING WITH A PACKAGE OF POWER OF **UNIMAGINED** COMPLEXITY!



SUDDENLY...

WHAAAM!



THAT'S NOT THE SOUND OF MUSIC! OUR VISITOR'S FOUND **ANOTHER** OUTLET FOR HIS SAVAGE TEMPER!

YOU MEAN HE'S MADE CONTACT WITH THE **SECURITY** TROOPS!

POW! **BAM!** **BAM!** **BAM!**



STRANGE ISN'T IT...? THEY CAME HERE TO TRACK A MACHINE MAN--AND THEY FOUND ONE... BUT ONE FROM A GALAXY LIGHT YEARS AWAY!

THERE'S A BIT OF **POETIC** JUSTICE IN THAT-- DON'T YOU THINK?

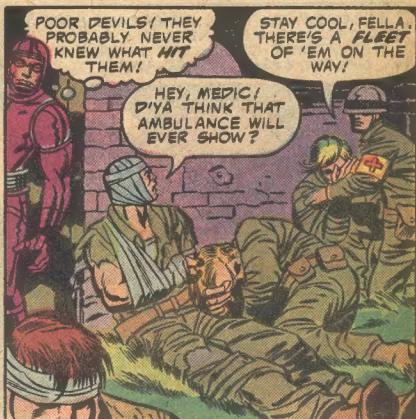
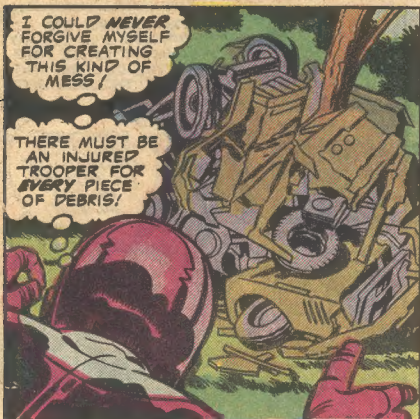
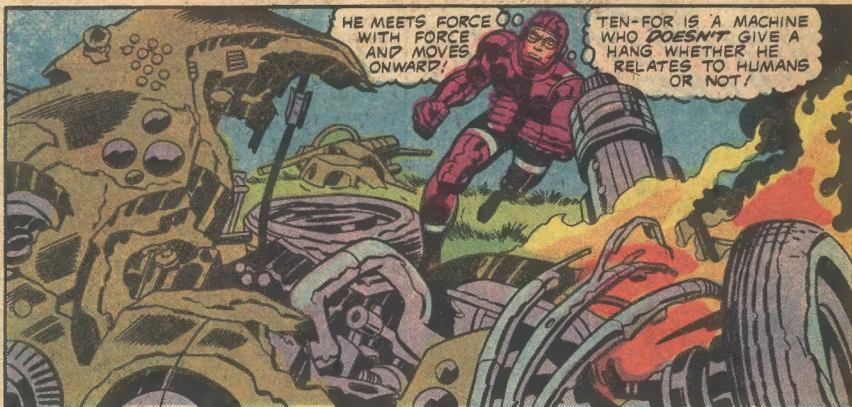
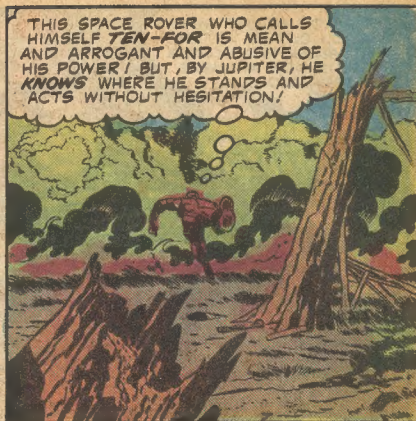


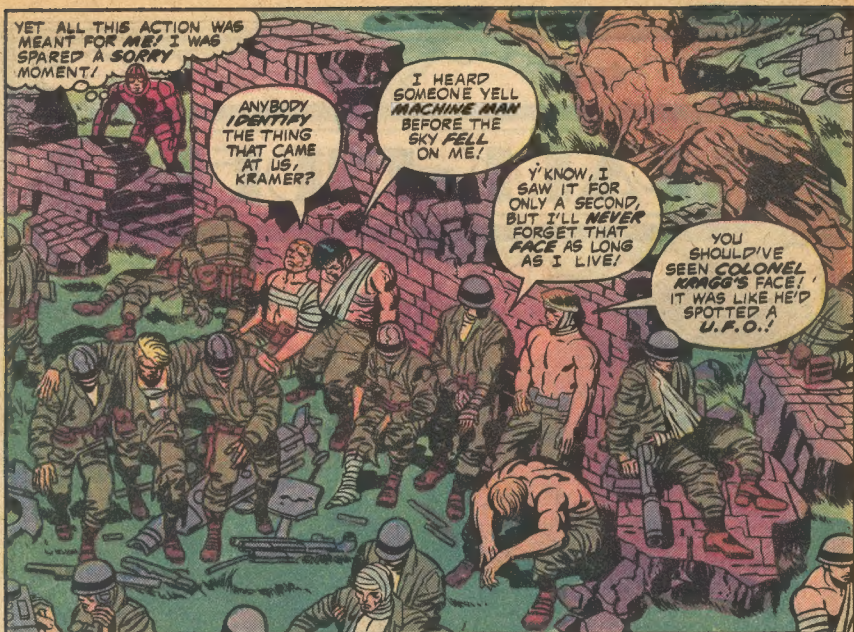
THE FIRING HAS STOPPED! I'LL USE MY **MAGNETIC** UNITS AND TAKE THE QUICKEST ROUTE TO THE TROUBLE SPOT!

BUT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING THAT CREATURE TO EARTH-- IT IS OUR DUTY TO GET RID OF HIM!

SOMEONE'S COME OUT **AHEAD**-- AND MY MONEY'S ON THE **ALIEN!**

THAT'S WHAT I THINK!





YET ALL THIS ACTION WAS
MEANT FOR ME! I WAS
SPARED A SORRY
MOMENT!

ANYBODY
IDENTIFY
THE THING
THAT CAME
AT US,
KRAMER?

I HEARD
SOMEONE YELL
MACHINE MAN
BEFORE THE
SKY FELL
ON ME!

Y'KNOW, I
SAW IT FOR
ONLY A SECOND,
BUT I'LL NEVER
FORGET THAT
FACE AS LONG
AS I LIVE!

YOU
SHOULD'VE
SEEN **COLONEL
KRAMG'S** FACE!
IT WAS LIKE HE'D
SPOTTED A
U.F.O.!

THERE'S TWO OF THEM,
I TELL YOU! YES--I SAID
TWO MACHINE MEN!

GET A MAN ON THE
HORN TO **WASHINGTON**
AND RELAY THE
DESCRIPTION OF THE
ONE THAT **MAULED**
US!

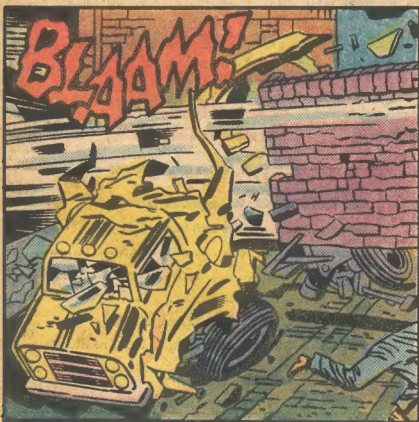
HE
STOMPED
US **FLAT**,
COLONEL!
WE'RE IN
BAD SHAPE!
IF YOU PLAN
TO PURSUE
HIM, I'D
ADVISE
AGAINST
IT!

HOWEVER, I'VE
CONTACTED THE
CENTRAL CITY
AUTHORITIES! THAT
MEAN MACHINE IS
HEADING FOR THE
HEART OF TOWN!

GOD HELP
THOSE PEOPLE
IF THE HEAVY
BRASS DOESN'T
TAKE
IMMEDIATE
ACTION!

**BLAST THOSE
EGGHEADS WHO
EXPERIMENT WITH
LIVING MACHINES!**





THE PEOPLE OF CENTRAL CITY HAVE YET TO BECOME FULLY AWARE OF THE MENACE IN THEIR MIDST. BUT BEFORE THE DAY IS OVER, THEY WILL KNOW THEY'VE EXPERIENCED AN ENCOUNTER OF THE FOURTH KIND: HOSTILE CONTACT WITH AN ENEMY FROM SPACE!

IT SEEMS UNBELIEVABLE THAT THE FLESH-WEARERS IN THIS SOLAR SYSTEM HAVE NEVER BEEN CLAIMED BY THE AUTOCRON EMPIRE!

I'M THE FIRST OF MY KIND TO REACH THIS BACKWATER PLANET!

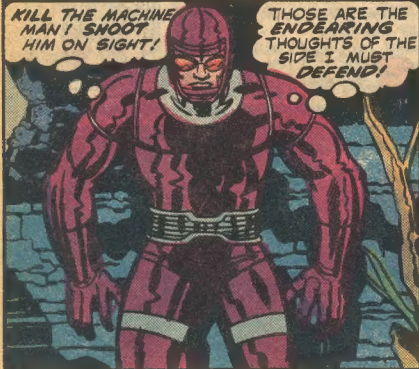
THERE MUST BE A LAW AGAINST WEARING THAT KIND OF MASK IN PUBLIC! HE'S LIABLE TO FRIGHTEN SOMEONE OUT OF HIS WITS!

EITHER THAT BIRD'S AN AD FOR A NEW SCIENCE FICTION MOVIE -- OR THERE'S A COMICS CONVENTION IN TOWN!

BUT AS THE ALIEN POWER ROAMS UNCHECKED,
MACHINE MAN IS RIDDEN WITH DOUBTS...

KILL THE MACHINE
MAN! SHOOT
HIM ON SIGHT!

THOSE ARE THE
ENDEARING
THOUGHTS OF THE
SIDE I MUST
DEFEND!



I FEEL LIKE THE
HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME!
HE, TOO, WAS SCORNE
AND REJECTED BECAUSE
NO ONE CARED TO LOOK
BEYOND HIS
GARGOYLE
IMAGE.



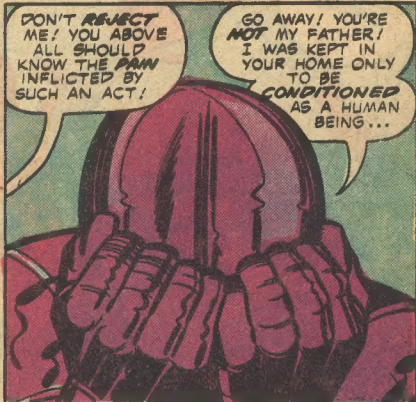
I CARED, SON! YOU
KNOW THAT I GAVE MY
LIFE TO SAVE YOURS!
WOULD A MAN DO
THAT FOR A MERE
MACHINE?



YES... A *DEDICATED*
SCIENTIST MIGHT SACRIFICE
HIMSELF TO PROTECT
A UNIQUE *INVENTION*!

DON'T *REJECT*
ME! YOU ABOVE
ALL SHOULD
KNOW THE *PAIN*
INFLECTED BY
SUCH AN ACT!

GO AWAY! YOU'RE
NOT MY FATHER!
I WAS KEPT IN
YOUR HOME ONLY
TO BE
CONDITIONED
AS A HUMAN
BEING...



THAT'S THE COLD,
CRUEL STATEMENT OF
A *CYNICAL* MAN!
DO YOU HEAR ME,
AARON? I SAID
MAN!

STOP IT!
STOP IT!!

I'M NOT
A MAN--

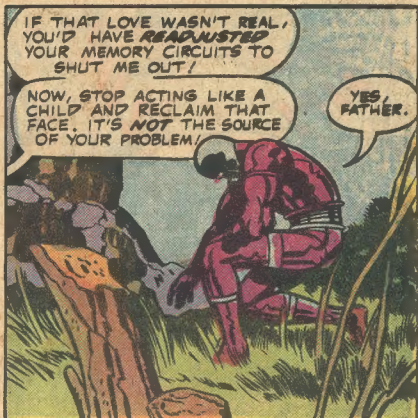
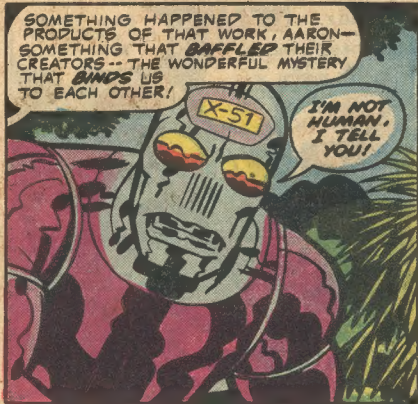
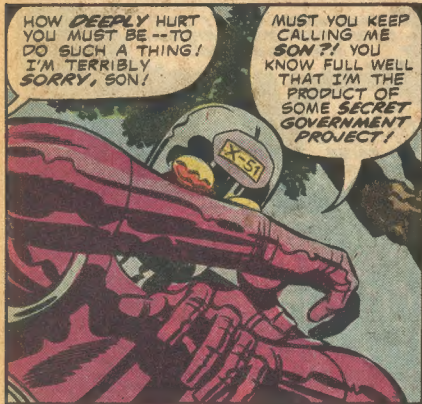
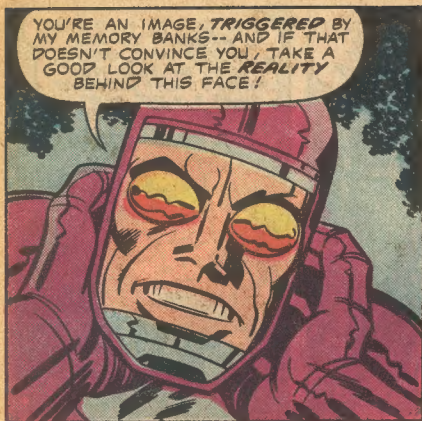
--AND YOU'RE
NOT ALIVE!!

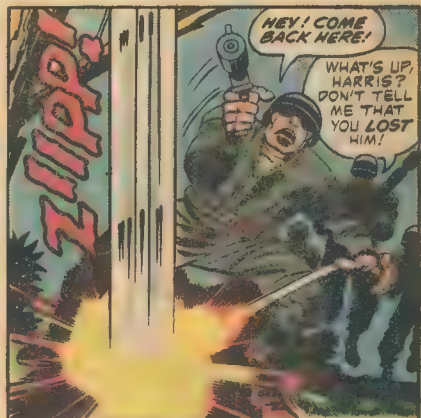
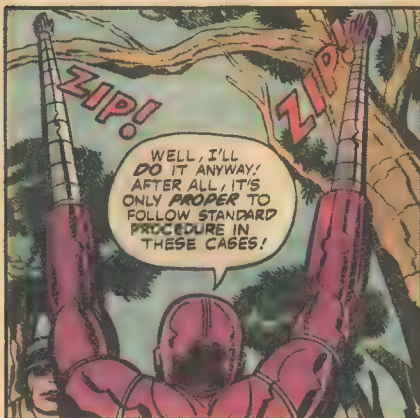
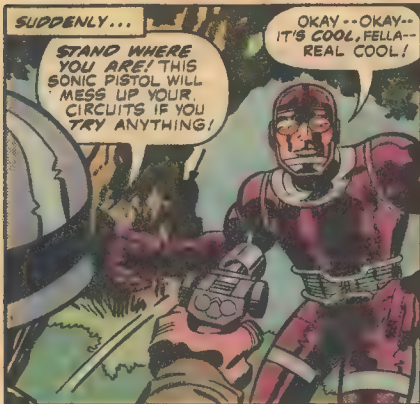
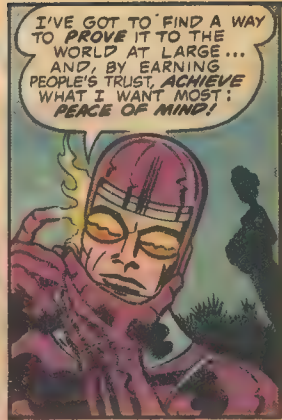


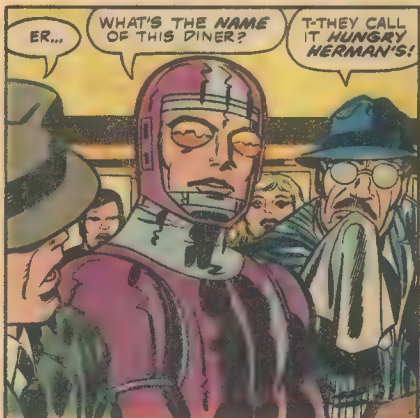
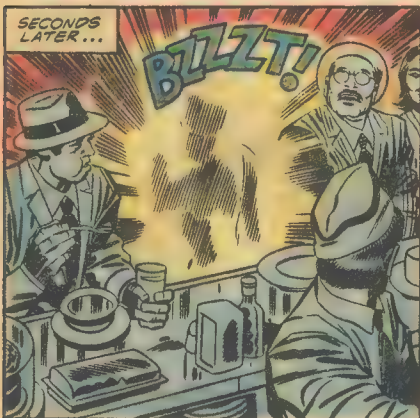
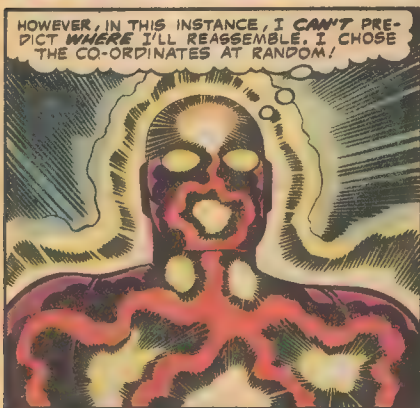
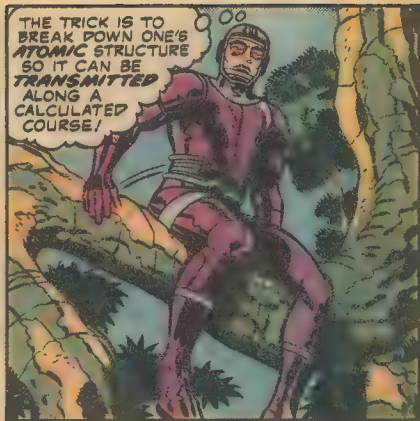
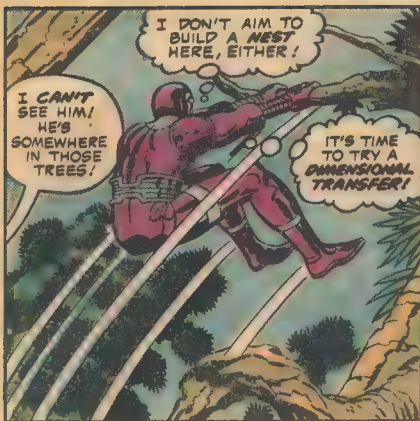
THEN YOU WOULD
REDUCE ME TO
A PHANTOM...AND
YOURSELF--TO A
THING OF METAL?

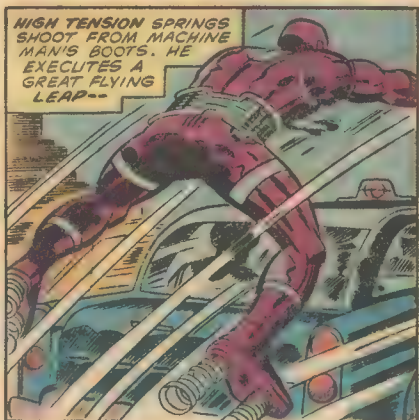
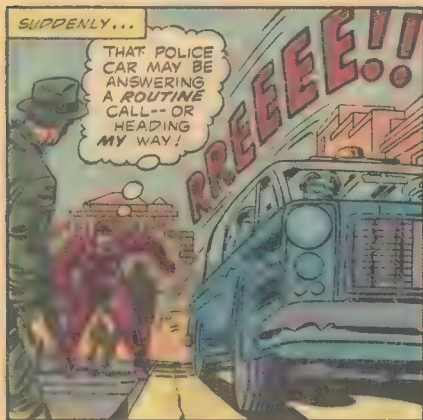
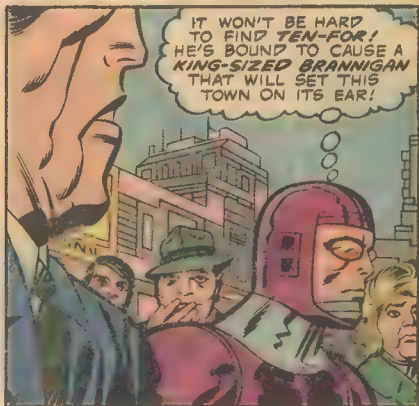
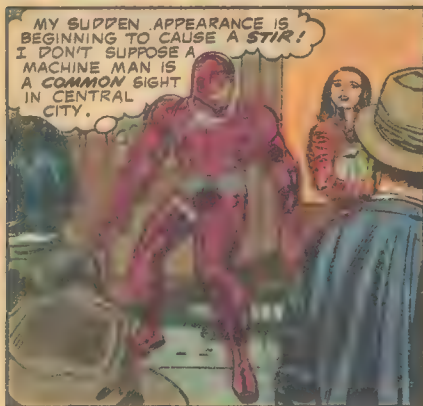
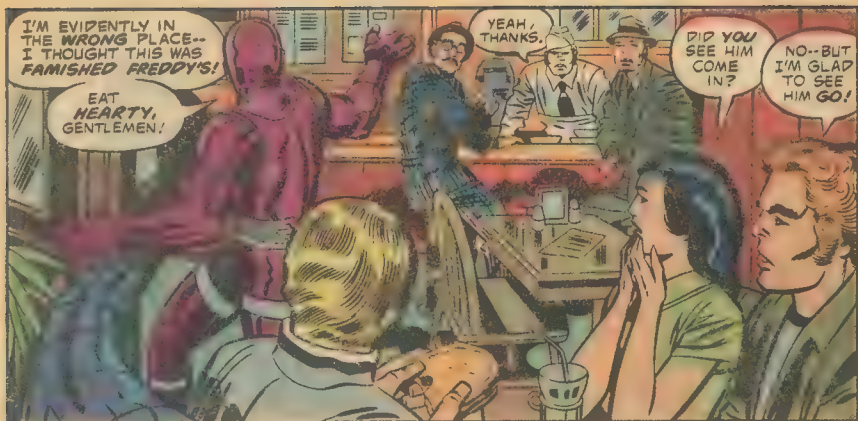
IT'S
THE
TRUTH,
ISN'T
IT?

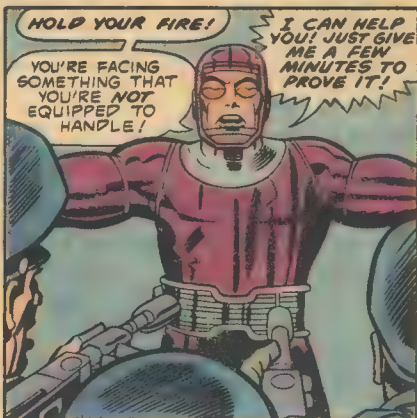
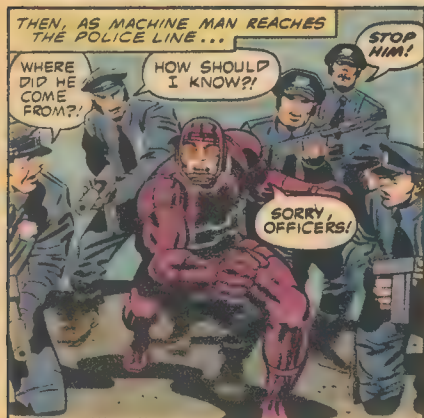
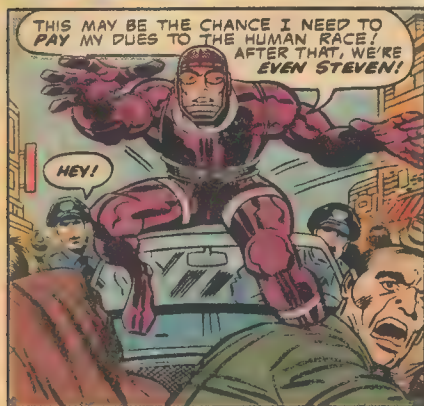
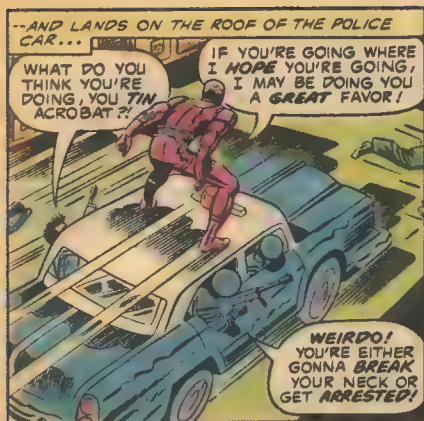












BEFORE THE CONFUSED POLICE CAN STOP HIM, MACHINE MAN TURNS TO THE SOURCE OF PANIC...

YOU'VE MADE A RAPID RECOVERY, METAL BROTHER!

HAVE YOU COME TO SHOW ME THE SIGHTS?

FURNITURE

YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH TO THE LOCAL SCENERY!

NOW IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO RETURN TO YOUR OWN STAMPING GROUNDS!

NUNH! I'VE SEEN YOUR TRAITOROUS KIND BEFORE! THEY PATRONIZE AND SERVE THESE FLESH-WEARERS FOR A FEW CRUMBS OF TOLERANCE!

YOU LOOK LIKE AN AUTOCRON -- BUT YOU SMELL LIKE A FLUNKY!

IN MY GALAXY, YOU'D BE SHOWN THE CONTEMPT YOU DESERVE!

BUT, SINCE YOU PRIZE THESE VERMIN AND THEIR TACKY PLANET SO MUCH, LET ME WARN YOU AGAINST ANY NOTION OF DEFYING ME!!

ONE SMALL DEMONSTRATION SHOULD CONVINCE YOU WHAT I CAN REALLY DO HERE, IF I AM ANGERED!!

THEN...

BARDOOOM!

I'LL DESTROY
THIS TOWN
AND EVERYTHING
IN IT!

LOOK
OUT!
FIND
COVER!

THAT
SETTLES IT,
TEN--
YOU'VE
HAD IT!!

WHAM

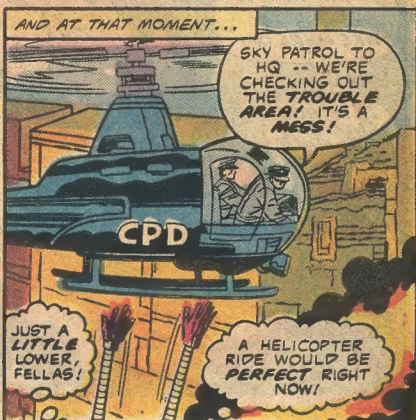
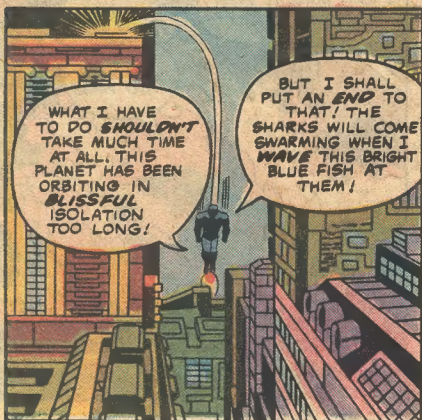
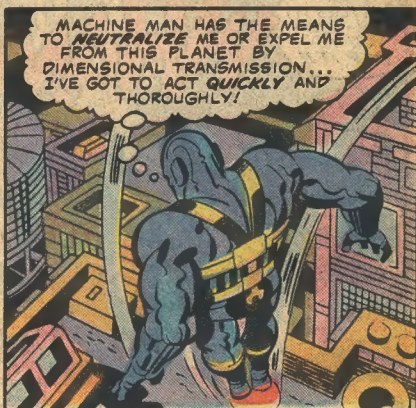
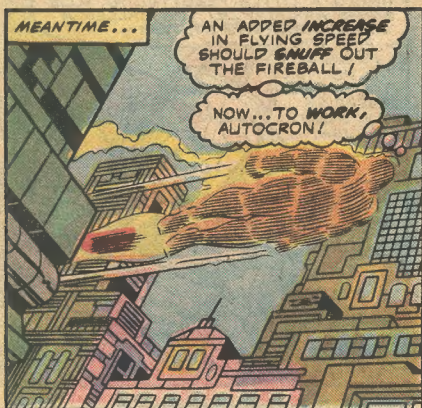
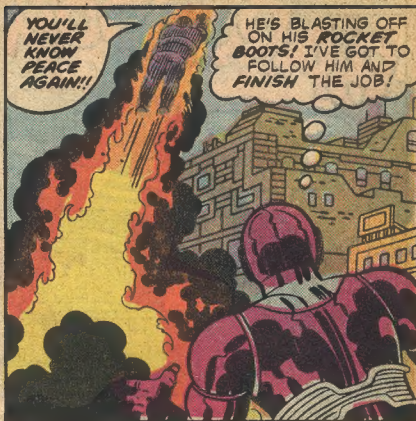
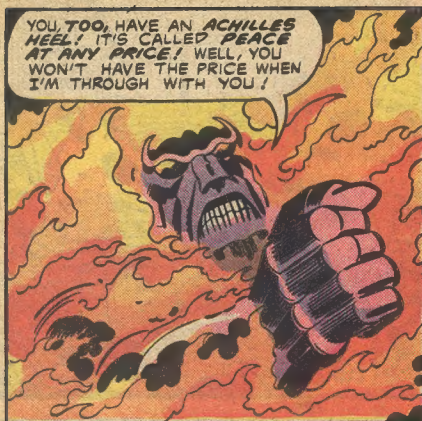
HERE'S A LITTLE REBUTTAL TO YOUR
SNIDE ARROGANCE! IT'S CALLED A
HAND-WEAPONS SYSTEM--
AND IT'S
PRIMED
TO DELIVER
THE KIND OF
SURPRISE
YOU **DON'T**
RELISH!

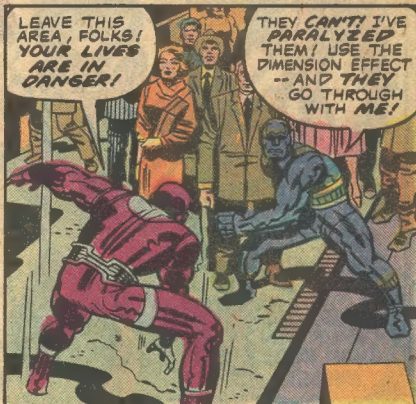
SOLAR HEAT!
THE STUFF
THAT SUNS
ARE MADE OF!

IS IT HOT
ENOUGH
FOR YOU?!

I CAN MAKE IT EVEN
HOTTER! HOW DOES
THAT FEEL?

**BLAST
YOU FOR
THE
CRAVEN
SWINE
YOU ARE!!**





COMING NEXT: FOR ONE BREATHLESS, HORRIFYING MOMENT, EARTH'S ONLY SHIELD AGAINST HOLOCAUST IS --

The NON-HERO

DON'T MISS IT!!



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